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Message from 1st VP Mike Collins

I hope by the time we read this things in the world will be a little better but I have some serious doubts. I think everyone has been affected by the Trade Center bombings and will no doubt continue to be as we have family and friends that may be involved in the war effort. I makes our everyday problems seem rather trivial.

After reading the last Chronicle and all the proposed changes I felt that some of them were good, some trivial and maybe a few were rather vindictive. The one that bothered me the most was the automatic induction to the Hall of Fame when a certain number of points were collected. In my opinion no Hall of Fame should have an automatic ticket to induction, the approval of your peers should be enough. Pete Rose may disagree with this, but he chose his own path and now has to walk it. If we only use the point system a person could be inducted without ever hatching an egg or raising a bird. All it would take is money to buy birds and time to travel to shows and write articles.

I don't understand why we would try to undermine our secretary as he is doing most of the work and taking a lot of

the heat for everything we want to complain about. I don't think a life membership is to much to do for anyone who will take the secretary job and do it for a year. I mean how can so many do so little? I feel like maybe we should throw in a free hat and maybe a few pencils or something to show a little support. The code of ethics confuses me a little also as I not sure what we are replacing or introducing. If someone doesn't want to talk to another red member about stock, eggs, etc. that is his right. I have never found a Red breeder who didn't want to talk about these things, if I do I won't bother him again. I will still raise Reds without him. I also feel I can raise them without this club. I would rather not as I enjoy the club and it's members.

I don't think Oct. 1 is the only day of the year we should be allowed to join the club. I know this has caused some problems with signing new members and have no problem with changing it. In regard to raising the dues or cutting the number of Chronicles it doesn't really matter to me. I feel the dues should be raised regardless, at least for the adult members. I would like to receive as many Chronicles as possible through the year but realize that someone has to do the work. I personally can live with 4 a year. There seems to be a lot of talk

about points lately and frankly that bothers me a little. I feel like the point system is a curse to all breed clubs. The APA and the ABA do a wonderful job of keeping track of points and I have no problems with that, but a breed club has no business doing it. If you want to know who the Master Breeders are, go to a few shows every year and it is not hard to figure it out. Unless we can start trading points for merchandise I see no use for them.

I hope every one has a great fall and hope to see some of you at some shows this fall. Remember to keep our country in your prayers and keep raising them Reds.
Mike Collins

RIRCA National Meet

117th Nebraska State Poultry Show
November 3-4, 2001
Lancaster Center
Lincoln, Nebraska

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For RI Red Classes

RIRCA Members
Jim Sallee and Jim Adkins

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**PLACEMENT OF CLUB
MEETS**

All meets, with the exception of our club's national meet, are placed by the District Directors. The national meet is placed by a majority vote of the executive committee.

To have a Special Meet placed at your club's show, contact the Club Secretary. To have a State or District Meet placed at your club's show, contact the appropriate District Director for your area.

Bids on the National Meet must be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than September 15th (postmarks after September 10th are not accepted) of each year. The location of the National Meet will be announced in the November Chronicle.

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Breeder Directory:

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Full Page

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1/2 Page

\$16 per issue \$80 yearly

1/4 Page

\$10 per issue \$50 yearly

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\$10 per year

DISTRICTS

The United States and Canada shall be divided into nine major districts; this division is made in order to have nine major meetings and exhibits each year in addition to the Annual Meeting of the Club, to secure better representation for members in all parts of the country and effect closer cooperation. The country shall be divided as follows:

District 1: Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

District 2: Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia.

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District 5: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

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District 8: Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

District 9: Canada

District 10: All Other Foreign Countries

Biography of Mrs. Juanita Stewart Gee 2001 RIRCA Hall of Fame Inductee

I was born Oct. 11, 1917 in Middletown, R. I. Later moved to Newport R.I. and graduated from Rogers High School. Married Richard H. Gee of Fiskeville, R.I. Oct.8, 1938.

Dick ran a commercial poultry farm and had show chickens when he was 5 years old. I had never heard of a poultry show or a R.I. Red although I had ridden past the monument many times. Dick had given up his show birds when he went away to college, but about 1942 decided it was time to get some more. So he sent to Harold Tompkins for chicks. We raised them under the kitchen table and I was hooked. We showed the Standard Reds in my name. In 1947 I had Champion of the show in Westerly, R.I. I was so excited when they gave me the trophy I dropped it and broke the base. I still have the top-a large silver cup.

In 1954 a big event came up: the 100th anniversary of the R.I. Red. A statewide committee was formed and Dick and I were on it. By then I was District Sec. of the R.I. Club of America. Coincidentally the Audubon Society of R.I. decided to hold a contest to vote for a State Bird as R.I. didn't have one. Ballots were passed out.

Our committee of course pushed for the Red. The Audubon Society was divided between the Hummingbird (smallest bird for the smallest state) and a couple of others.

At that time there was a hockey team in Providence named the R.I. Reds. I went to see the owner, Lou Pieri, and he had ballots passed out at all the hockey games and naturally everybody voted for the Red. I went to see the owner of the diner across the street patronized by players and fans. He had place mats made up with a picture of a Red on them and ballots at every place.

Everybody said it was my doing that brought in enough votes to make the R.I. Red the State Bird. The legislature passed a bill and then Gov. Roberts signed it. I was there and had my picture taken with the Gov. The committee paid Art Schilling to paint a portrait of a Red male to hang in the State House. I believe it was the last one he did before he died.

We also had a show featuring Reds with a silver coffee service from the Gov. as a trophy. As District Sec. I sent out a lot of letters around the country and Cliff Terry sent birds all the way from Nebraska.

We went from Standard Reds to bantams and showed them under both names. In 1949 I got my Black Rosecombs which I bred, exhibited until the fall of 1999. Dick showed and bred the bantams. We worked together on both breeds. Unfortunately I never got to judge many Reds as they always put me on Games and RCCL class. I forget what year I got my judge's license but it is #133. I believe I was the second licensed ABA lady judge. Alice Roberts talked me into it as she said she liked the way I handled birds.

A lot of water has gone over the dam!!
Juanita S. Gee

Secretary's Note:

I was so glad to get this Biography and emails from Mrs. Gee. She was more than thrilled to find out she was inducted in the RI Red Club of America Hall of Fame.

One of my most precious Poultry Memorabilia items is a RI Red Pin that Mrs. Gee gave to Don Nelson to pass out to all the Red Breeders at the 1999 Boston Poultry Show celebrating 150 years of exhibition poultry.

I hope and pray that Mr. And Mrs. Gee are able to help us celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the RI Red Chicken in 2004. It sure would be nice to have the 2004 National Meet in Rhode Island like at maybe the Little Rhody Show (heard this before, haven't you Don Nelson) so all the ancestors of the first Reds can come home to roost. I know if the good Lord is willing, I will be there!
Matt

I got interested in Rhode Island Reds

Biography of Mr. Lloyd Flanagan 2001 RIRCA Hall of Fame Inductee

when I was in High School and I used them as a F.F.A. project and showed at the local shows. I had to get rid of my Reds for a few years while I was in Dallas, TX. working and going to school, and for the two years I was in the Military.

I have been breeding and showing Red's now for 30 plus years. I am also a member of the Red River Bantam Club where I served as President for three years. I serve as show Superintendent in the open or junior class every year where we will have 800 to 900 Birds entered. I have also served as Junior Show Superintendent at our local County Fair for several years.

Biography of Mr. David Bell 2001 RIRCA Hall of Fame Inductee

My name is David Bell from Clyde, Texas.

First of all I would like to thank you all in the Red Club for inducting me into the Rhode Island Red Club of America Hall of Fame. It is such an honor for me to receive this big award. I have always thought about this, but never dreamed it would ever happen to me. Again, thank you all for this big honor.

I will try to give you a biography of my life in the Rhode Island Red Fancy. Several months ago, I wrote an article for the Red Chronicle. Some of this I write, was in that article.

It was in 1961, forty years ago this year, when I got started in the Red Fancy. The following year, 1962, I started showing Reds (bantams) at the Fort Worth Livestock Show in Fort Worth, Texas. That was the same year that R. Paul Webb from Oklahoma City was inducted into

the Red Hall of Fame. So next year (2002) will be 40 years since I first showed Red bantams at Fort Worth. It is in the same building now, as it was in 1962.

An old Red breeder in Graham, Texas named E.E (Ed) Spivey got me started in the Red bantam business. I have been in Reds ever since, except about five years during that time. Ed Spivey had Paul Webb and Bill Matacheke bloodline Red bantams. Ed & Paul and also Bill, were up in their years then. I remember Ed was about to retire from the US Postal Service. He was 64, I think, & I was 22 years old. I was just a kid then, with those old pros but I showed Reds pretty good with them. I also showed Reds with H.H. (Hubert) Andrews, but I did not know him until several years later. Back then, we shipped our Reds to Fort Worth, by Mistletoe Express Freight Co. on Thursday and they would ship them back to us on Tuesday, I think. Ed and I would drive to Fort Worth on Sunday to the Poultry Show. I learned a lot from Ed, Paul and Bill about Red bantams. You keep learning too, you never know it all. I like to think a little has rubbed off on me since then. I have really done good with my Reds since way back then.

One thing I remember, is the shape of the Red has remained the same. Although some judges today, try to judge them like Rocks. They can judge like they want, but my breeding of Reds will stay the same as always. Four or five years ago, I got a start of Standard Reds. They were Dennis Myers bloodline. I have really done good with them also.

I have been in and out of the hospital for several months now. My health has gone down hill somewhat, so I sold all my Standard Reds to Sam Caldwell. I kept my Red bantams. I still intend to show them when I can. We just had our West Texas Fair and Rodeo Poultry Show in Abilene, Texas on September 8th. I had Best Single Comb Clean Leg on a Red pullet. We had 318 birds in the show.

I've know Hubert Andrews for the past 20 years really good. O am real proud that Mike Hawkins from Arizona , took the picture of H.H Andrews, Lloyd Flanagan

and myself at Fort Worth this year at the livestock show. Mike sent me a copy of the picture. I had an 8x10 made of it and put it on my wall. I will treasure it forever since H.H is no longer with us. We lost a mighty Red Man , when we lost Hubert. Again, it is privilege and honor to be in the Red Hall of Fame with people like Paul, Bill, Hubert, and now Lloyd Flanagan.

I have helped several people get started in the Red business over the years and ever got restarted. I am waiting for the weather to cool off, where the Post Office will accept chickens again. I have a lady in Michigan, who wants a trio of Reds. I've shipped Reds to California and even shipped Robert Blosl three red bantam pullets. I really enjoy just sitting and watching my Red bantams out in the chicken yard. I hope this tells everyone a little about my life with Rhode Island Reds. I could talk and write about Reds for a long time. My health is a little better now. I would enjoy hearing from anyone in out Red Fancy by letter or phone. Well, I have a show to go to in Lubbock, Texas on Sept. 22 & 23, 2001 and Gainsville, Texas on Sept 29th. Then on Oct. 27th 2001, here in Abilene, Texas. The Abilene Poultry Association Show, I am President. The West Texas Fair and Rodeo Poultry Show, I am Superintendent of the show here in Abilene, Texas.

I hope I have not written too much , but I really enjoy talking Reds. Again, it is a great honor to me to be in the Rhode Island Red Club of America Hall of Fame.

Until Next Time and God Bless,
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Chicken Chronicles By DB Spates, mother of Junior member Aaron Spates

Five years ago we moved from the city on to raw land, camping and building a home. We couldn't wait to start experiencing farm life and poultry seemed like a good place to start, fresh eggs were appealing. Aaron was an 8 year-old

homeschooler and needed a 4-H project, too. Our first chickens came from a local auction and with the help of locals with an eye for poultry we acquired three young birds. A friend got us a presentable commercial grade red rooster and we thought we were mighty grand!

Over the years we have become more knowledgeable and discriminating. Homeschooling gives the opportunity to direct a lot of science study through poultry. When someone sold off their stock, we purchased a handsome Buff Orpington cockerel. We decided to study genetics and breed points-off characteristics out of our Buffs, they are good layers and several of our hens go broody. Two years ago we went to the auction the one-day of the year set aside for the Poultry Breeders Association. That is a great opportunity for Juniors to acquire birds that the adult showmen are selling off. That day we saw a cage with six, dark mahogany cockerels. They were beautiful, it was the first time we had seen pure Reds. We were ready to bid for one, whatever the price. We waited for them to be brought to the auction table and then the bidding started. Aaron and I were so nervous. We were breathlessly trying to keep up with the bidding, those things go so fast and it is hard to tell what the price has gone up to. The lady next to me grabbed my hand, yanked me down and told me to stop. I was dumbfounded.

She said, "Let the bidding stop, I am second in line for them and I will take two and you can buy the one I don't want from me. You're driving the price up!"

It all worked out and we left with a gorgeous bird that we named Buster. He went on to win Best of Breed at the Florida State Fair and Grand Champion two years in a row at our Pasco County Fair. Sadly, a raccoon killed him earlier this year.

Aaron is now 13, we cried over losing Buster. It is unusual for me to cry over the birds, but I loved Buster. So I set out to find another Purebred RI Red. No luck trying to run down the breeder from the auction. The web led me to Robert Blosl and the RI Red Club, of which Aaron is now a member. We acquired three pullets

and three cockerels from Mr. Blosl and are now fully committed to becoming breeders. We had bred Buster with our commercial grade red hens to improve our commercial stock, so it is very exciting to have purebred hens now. We still have plenty of Buff Orpingtons. They are good egg producers and Aaron has a free-range egg business to support his hobby and make money. But the best thing about the Buffs, is they make great surrogate mothers. When one of them goes broody, we put a bunch of wooden eggs underneath her and then put the rooster and hen we want to breed in the breeding coop. We then collect their eggs for a week or two and replace the wooden eggs. The Buffs are so dedicated that they will sit the additional two weeks for us to make this work. They are very attentive mothers, too. We hope that having the maternal instinct modeled for them will help the reds to become broody and maternal. We also use an inexpensive incubator but it is more fun to see the Buff hen with her red chicks. We haven't had a red go broody, yet, but we are hopeful. We will let you know if it works.

Understanding the RI Red Color Pattern

By Gary Underwood

The R I Red may be the only breed of poultry that has its color as part of its name. In most poultry breeds various colors or color patterns existing within a body type account for the several varieties found in the breed. Other breeds are generically referred to by their type name such as Rocks, Leghorns, Cochins, Cornish, etc. and then the variety moniker is stuck in front much like a first name is used to identify various members of a human family. But, when we refer to our American breed we use their "family name", we call them Reds; their color not their type distinction.

They are Rhode Island REDS, not red Rhode Islands. They are RED chickens that were developed in the state of Rhode Island, not Rhode Island chickens that happen to be red. Therefore, since the color is such an important feature of the breed, it seems only fitting that we understand what

we are dealing with.

A realization that must be grasped initially is that the R. I. Red color pattern is a modified Columbian color pattern. The Columbian pattern is an old established color that has existed from the beginnings of standard bred poultry. It existed in the first Brahmas that came to America and has found its way into many breeds including our Reds. If you will take the time to research the history of the R. I.Red you will notice the prominence of Brahma as well as other Asiatic stock in their background.

With this basic bit of information at our disposal we can begin to understand the modifications that were implemented by the originators of the breed and the way these modifications behave. I will not attempt to reiterate the standard description of Columbian color but will say that birds that possess it are basically black chickens with epistatic genes causing white surface color on back, breast, and head; and white edgings on wing, hackle and tail covert feathers. The dedicated person can easily read further about the Columbian pattern from the Standard of Perfection and other numerous sources.

The first modification to the Columbian color pattern in the development of the R.I.Red was the replacement of white with red. Notice in the most recent Standard of Perfection, that any entirely white feather showing in the surface is still a disqualification. The second modification was the removal of black pigmentation from all but the wing and tail in the male; and the same for the female with some sex limited black ticking remaining at the base of her hackle. This second change is the change which raises havoc with many a would be Red breeder because they do not understand its source.

Hence the R.I.Red has become an entirely red chicken with black pigmentation left only in the tail and on one side of the wing feathers. Now think of problems faced with black outcroppings. Where do they commonly occur? They show up in the normal places.... Normal that is for the Columbian pattern; in the undercolor, peppered on the inside of the wing primaries, in the hackle, in the surface of the male saddle feathers,

and so on. As you can see these things happen because it is a natural tendency for the color to revert to its natural [Columbian] pattern.

The best method I have found to develop soundly colored birds in this regard is to breed from birds with as much intense greenish black as possible, BUT.. as much as can be found only when it is where it belongs in the R.I. Red pattern. So when excess black shows up in those common places, do not be discouraged it is always better to have a few birds to cull because of too much black than to be in the predicament of looking for one that has enough in the proper places. Black mixed with and absorbed into the red is what gives us the beautiful, rich, intense, glossy, even color that is typical of the better strains of Reds we see today. Don't be afraid of black in your birds, it's "natural", but please keep it in its proper place. Remember we are raising REDS not Rhode Islands.

Gary Underwood
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Boy what a fast two months this has been and once again our good secretary has

President's Message

asked us for our articles and officer's messages for the October issue. I will try to make this message as upbeat as possible, considering the tragedy we as Americans had forced upon us on September 11, 2001.

My wife and I have our plane tickets and room reservations for our National Meet in Lincoln, Nebraska next month, but because of all the turmoil in shipping live animals we are not taking the four bantams that we planned to enter. Nonetheless, we look forward to meeting all of you who can make the trip to Lincoln and enjoy the show and our board meeting.

I have reviewed the last issue of the Red Chronicle and what an excellent issue it was filed with wonderful articles and messages from our members. When Matt was chosen to be our next Club Secretary, I had no idea that the Red Chronicle would have a lay out and a following of great articles. If you think of it, many yearbooks would be blessed to have as much substance and

educational material for their members to read as each issue of our Chronicle.

One item that did disturb me was our Secretary's message and his opinion on the proposed bylaws changes that we will be voting on at the National Meet this November. I have reviewed over and over again the proposed changes and the only issue that really has any importance to our club at this time is that dues need to be raised along with a slight increase in the advertising rates or the Chronicle has to be reduced to four issues a year instead of six.

In a nutshell, we collect \$10 per year from our adults, \$5 from our juniors and \$10 from our international members. We also receive a small amount of additional income from advertising. Our income averages around \$10 per member. Our expense to get the Chronicle to print and ship it to all the members plus a small amount to run the club is about \$13 per member. Based on the information that our Secretary has submitted to me we are around \$400 per year short in income necessary to run our club. We have two choices and that is to either raise the dues and the advertising rate a few dollars per year or cut the issues down from six issues per year to four. Cutting down on the number of issues would be a savings of about \$600 per year and we would not have to raise the dues.

These matters can be discussed in more detail at the board meeting next month, but, in my view, raising our dues and advertising rates are the only important issue on which we need to make a decision.

You heard Matt's views on changing the Secretary's duties as purposed in the last issue of the Chronicle. You read with shock, I am sure, that Matt would resign as Secretary if this bylaw change were passed. I ask you who would you recommend doing this thankless job as being Red Club Secretary if their duties are changed to just Newsletter Chairman. I do not believe I have ever heard a civic club, board of directors of an organization such as a church or business not letting their Secretary have a voice in the decisions of their organization. I hope and pray this idea is voted on with vision and guidance from the gods in Red Heaven for the present and future of the Club. We do not need to be

searching for a new Club Secretary since the retirement of our good Secretary Emmett Rachael's over issues such as been purposed for bylaw changes as you read in the last issue.

I want to thank the nomination committee for our new Hall of Fame members for 2001. I believe we have picked a wonderful group of Rhode Island Red breeders and supporters for this year's class. I look forward to reading their comments on how they got started in Reds and their accomplishments with the club over the last ten to twenty years.

If you have not heard, we will not be allowed to ship live birds from our local post offices because of FAA regulations and the post office is only allowing a few major cities to ship live birds from one major city to another if the proper airplanes are available to provide safe barometric conditions as well as suitable temperatures for their travel. This all came upon us about ten days after the bombing and there is not much we can do about this mess but hope someday we will have this freedom back to us. I bring this up to your attention, as interested customers will hammer us for our brood stock in started chicks, eggs and adult birds for breeders. I have been receiving about four emails a week from people all over the country wanting to get started in Reds and I am going to send them a letter with a list of all the members who are on our membership list. So do not be surprised if you get a phone call from or letter from a person who I referred to you for a start with your Reds. Not all these people want show quality stock or super champions to win started wins for master breeders lists. They just want nice looking birds such as you have at your homes. So for the good of the breed and the club, please try to help out or refer them to others so they will have a chance to enjoy their new Reds as much as we do. I have written a short article on how to pack and ship eggs UPS ground and I believe this will fill the void for many people who are desperate for a start in Reds but can not obtain them locally. So till next time I wish you the best with your Reds and look forward toward meeting you at the National Meet in Lincoln Nebraska.

I want to thank you for your devoted support to our Club Secretary as good men

like Matt are few and fair between to serve in this most demanding job as Secretary of the Rhode Island Red Club of America.

Matt has done such a remarkable job getting things in order with the Red Chronicle, the Web Site and the message board as I can only tell him Thank you and I look forward to a long relationship with him and all the present and future members of the Rhode Island Red Club of America.

Robert Blosl

The awards that we are going to be offered for the R I Red Club National Meet, Nov. 3-4, 2001, Lincoln, Nebraska will be

AWARDS FOR THE 2001 NATIONAL MEET IN NEBRASKA

as follows:

Ballarat Poultry Club of Australia

Best Rhode Island Red of the show.

Bronze Medal

Bantams and large fowl competing.

Best of Breed Presidents Award Large Fowl- Rosette

Best of Breed Presidents Award for Res. Large Fowl-Rosette

Best of Breed Presidents Award Red Bantam -Rosette

Res of Breed Presidents Award Red Bantam- Rosette

Best of Breed Large Fowl Red by a Junior -Rosette

Res of Breed Large Fowl Red by a Junior-Rosette.

Best of Breed Red Bantam by a Junior-Rosette

Res of Breed Red Bantam by a Junior-Rosette

RIRCA offers these Cash Awards:

Best Red Large Fowl-\$25

Best Red Bantam-\$25

Best Red Overall-\$25

Best Display of RI Reds-\$25

Secretary Matt Lhamon offers:

Best Display of RC RI Reds \$25

Best Colored RI Red Overall \$25

Matt,

I am sending my dues of \$10 for year 2001-2002 year. I am not renewing my breeders

Note From David Bell

directory as this time. I don't see \$10.00 per issue or \$50 per year, when we don't get that many issues per year now. I got one in February, June and none since. Besides, you and Robert or who ever changed it was illegal. You were supposed to bring it up for a vote to see if the members wanted it or not. Get you some feed company ads to help support the club and not expect the members to pay all of it. It has always been \$5 per year as long as I can remember. Publish this in the Chronicle and see what other members think about it.

Thanks,
David Bell

Secretary's Note:

David,

This is the fourth Chronicle I have published since taking over the job of Sec. in February. The Jan. Chronicle was not published due to the failing health of the former Secretary and we did a bigger March Chronicle to make up for that shortfall. As for the increase of the ad rates, your own comments make the point to raise the rates "It has always been \$5 per year as long as I can remember." There is no provision in the bylaws for ad rates and I can think of nothing else in life that has stayed the same price for over 40 years. This issue will be addressed at the National Meeting and I suggest you contact your District Director so that he can relay your viewpoint. My personal opinion is that it is our responsibility as members is to fund the club and see that things get paid for not "some feed company." Frankly, as a businessman myself, I would see little value for a feed company to advertise their products to our members who are scattered all over the US and the world. The facts are, if we want a nice Chronicle, we will have to pay for it in ad rates or a dues increase and those are the top items on the agenda for the National Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Lhamon

By the time the Chronicle reaches everyone our great friend in the fancy, Don Nelson, will be "on the road again." His

Note From John Pierce District 2 Director

surgery was around Sept. 12th and went well. We hope for a speedy recovery Don!

The Red show season is in high gear for District 2 with 14 meets in progress and the District Meet scheduled for York, PA Show, October 27. So far, every show in District 2 has placed one or more Reds as Class or Show Champions. "WOW!"

I want to extend my appreciation for the work of Emmett Rachels, "Thanks Emmett", and look forward to the advent of the Matt Lhamon era.

Addressing membership in District 2 is a prime goal for me. The membership list gave me a bit of a shock. I know there are several people with quality Reds who show and don't belong to the club. My first move was to mail Red meets to every show in District 2 whether they asked or not. I also try to call people I know have Reds to make friendly challenges at shows to build up the classes. When I judge 4-H shows at the County Fairs, I donate a pair or trio of Reds for a free raffle.

Have fun and "that's all folks."

John Pierce

To: PPBA Exhibitors of Large and Bantam Rhode Island Reds

From: Jim Sallee

Note From Member Jim Sallee

Date: Monday, August 27, 2001

Subject: Rhode Island Red District Meet at Roseville, CA, January 26-27, 2001

Roseville promises to be a great location for our Rhode Island Red Club of America District Meet this next year. I really think we can have over 70 Large Reds and 100 bantams, especially if we can put up some attractive awards. The following is a proposed list of what we are shooting for:

Large:

Best of Breed	\$50
Reserve of Breed	\$40
BV and RV in SC/RC	\$20 each
Best Display of SC/RC	\$20 each

(A display consists of 7 birds which must include a cock, hen, cockerel and pullet)

Bantams:

Best of Breed	\$25
Reserve of Breed	\$20
BV and RV in SC/RC	\$10 each
Best Display of Red Bantams	\$25

(A display consists of 7 birds which must include a cock, hen, cockerel and pullet)

If you would like to help promote the **District Meet**, please give me a call at **209-296-8084** or send your donation to me at **PO Box 697, Pine Grove, CA 95665** or email me at **jbsallee@volcano.net**. If we do not get enough monetary donations or if we get more, the awards will be adjusted accordingly. We need to get this information in the premium book, so please respond by September 30, 2001.

Judging the Reds this year will be Tim Bowles from Ohio on large fowl and Eugene Barnard from Kansas on the bantams.

Thanks for your support.

Jim Sallee

Matt,

This is the results of our Abilene,

Show Report from David Bell

Texas Fair Show which we had a RIR meet and the Lubbock Fair Show which I don't think even had a meet. I don't know why these people don't get meets for these shows. By the way, I did not receive any ribbons for the fair show at Abilene whit the meet paper work. I won the bantams and Sam Caldwell won the Large Reds.

I sure appreciate the honor I received in being put in the Rhode Island Red Club Hall of Fame. I've

though about this but never dreamed it would ever happen. I've had Reds for 40 years so I'm glad it finally happened. I noticed Paul Webb from Oklahoma City was put ii, in 1962, the first year I showed Reds and was in Fort Worth, Texas at the Livestock Show with Paul Webb, Bill Matacheke and E.E. (Ed) Spivey. That's been a while ago. I am going to Gainsville, Texas this weekend Sept. 29th. Thomas Guanella is supposed to be there. Maybe we can visit, while we're there.

Thanks a lot,
David Bell

Secretary's Note:
David,

All meets are placed thru the District Director unless they want a Special Meet and those papers are sent from this office to save on postage back and forth to the Directors for Special Meets. All any fair or show has to do is request a meet and we will see they get one. The ribbons were sent to Mr. Andrews just before he passed away and I have sent a new batch to Lloyd Flanagan. I am enclosing your ribbon with your Chronicle.
Matt

Panhandle South Plains Fair
Lubbock, Texas Sept 22&23, 2001
Red Bantams (39)

David Bell-1-2-4 h, 1-2-3-4 k, 1-4 p
Perry Williams-4c, 5h, 5k
Martin White 2c, 2-5 p
Sam Caldwell 1-3c, 3h
Jerry Wiley 3p
David Bell had BB on k & RB on h and Res. SCCL on BB k

Large Fowl Reds (9)
Sam Caldwell- All Awards, BB-RB and Best American on a pullet

West Texas Fair and Rodeo
Abilene, Texas Sept 8, 2001

Red Bantams (29)
David Bell-1-3-4 h, 1-2-3 k, 1-3-3 p
M/M Fitzgerald 1-2 c, 2-5 h
Sam Caldwell 3c, 4-5 k, 5 p

Jerry Wiley 4p
David Bell had BB on p & RB on k and Best SCCL on BB p

Large Fowl Reds (8)
Sam Caldwell- All Awards, BB-RB
Oct. 20-21, 2001

RI RED CLUB MEETS

Special
Marion, IN

Central Oklahoma Poultry Club
Oct. 20, 2001
State

Guthrie, OK

Yankee Fall Classic
Oct. 20-21, 2001
Special-District 2
Syracuse, NY

York Co. Poultry Fanciers
Oct. 27-28, 2001
District 2 Meet
York, PA

Boston Poultry Show
Oct. 27-28, 2001
State
Topsfield, MA

Bakersfield Fancy Feather Show
Oct. 27-28, 2001
Special
Bakersfield, CA

Four Corners Poultry Show
Nov. 3, 2001
State Meet
Farmington, NM

Louisiana State Fair Poultry Show
Nov. 3, 2001
Special
Shreveport, LA

Anderson SC Bantam Club
Nov. 17-18, 2001
State Meet
Anderson, SC

Tucson Poultry, Pigeon and Fancy

Fowl Club
Nov. 17-18, 2001
District 7 Meet
Tucson, AZ

Eastern Iowa Poultry Club
Nov. 23-24, 2001
Special

Little Rhody Poultry Show
Nov. 24-25, 2001
State

Guil Rand Fowl Fanicers Club
Dec. 1, 2001
Special

Indiana Poultry Breeders
Dec. 1-2, 2001
Special
Connersville, IN

Oklahoma State Poultry Federation
Dec. 1-2, 2001
District
Shawnee, OK

Bedford County Poultry
Mid-Winter Show
Dec. 15, 2001
Special
Shelbyville, TN

SW Exposition and Livestock Show
Jan. 26-27, 2002
State
Ft. Worth, TX

Pacific Poultry Breeders Association
Jan. 26-27, 2002
District
Roseville, CA

Greater California Poultry Show
Feb. 23-24, 2002
State

North Louisiana Poultry Club
March 9, 2002
District
Haynesville, LA

South Arkansas Poultry Association
April 2, 2002
State

El Dorado, AR

 Ft. Worth (APA Semi Annual)
 March 16-17, 2002
 Special
 Ft. Worth, TX

 West Central Ohio Poultry Breeders
 March 16-17, 2002
 Special
 Wapakoneta, OH

 Southeast Ohio Poultry Association
 April 6, 2002
 Special
 Marietta, OH

 Buckeye Fancy Feather Club
 June 9, 2002
 Special
 Canfield, OH

 Bedford County Fair
 Special

RC-RV-none
 BB LF was Res. American
 Junior Show (none)

 Allen County Ohio Fair
 Special
 08/21/01
 Large Fowl (2)
 SC-BV-BB-M & M Exhibition Poul-
 try
 SC-RV-RB- M & M Exhibition Poul-
 try
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 Bantams (21)
 SC-BV-BB-Max Stacy
 SC-RV-RB-M & M Exhibition Poul-
 try
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 BB LF was Best American and Res.
 Champion LF
 Junior Show (none)

SC-RV-RB-David Bell
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 BB Bantam was Best SCCL

 Twin Tier Poultry Club
 Special
 9/09/01
 Large Fowl (3)
 SC-BV-BB-William Whitney
 SC-RV-RB- John Pierce
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 Bantams (24)
 SC-BV-BB-John Pierce
 SC-RV-RB-William Whitney
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 BB LF was Res. American, BB Ban-
 tam was Res. SCCL
 Junior Show (none)

 Eastern NY Poultry Fanciers Assn.
 State
 9/30/01
 Large Fowl (4)

**RI RED CLUB
 SHOW REPORTS**

8/11/01
 Large Fowl (7)
 SC-BV-BB-Non Member
 SC-RV-RB- Non Member
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 Bantams (14)
 SC-BV-BB-DLD Bantam (Delffs)
 SC-RV-RB-non member
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 BB Lf was Best America
 Junior Show (none)

 Land of Blackhawk
 Sept. 8, 2001
 Special
 Large Fowl (9)
 SC-BV-Whispering Meadows
 SC-RV-Whispering Meadows
 RC-BV-BB-Whispering Meadows
 RC-RV-RB-Whispering Meadows
 Bantams (15)
 SC-BV-BB-Gary Underwood
 SC-RV-RB-Mike Collins
 RC-BV-none

 New York State Fair
 Special
 9/23/01
 Large Fowl 21)
 SC-BV-BB-John Pierce
 SC-RV-RB-John Pierce
 RC-BV-non-member
 RC-RV-non-member
 Bantams (11)
 SC-BV-BB-John Pierce
 SC-RV-RB-John Pierce
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 BB LF was Best American, Cham-
 pion LF and Show Champion, BB &
 RB Bantam was Best/Res. SCCL
 and Champion Bantam

 West Texas Fair and Rodeo
 Special
 9/08/01
 Large Fowl (10)
 SC-BV-BB-Sam Caldwell
 SC-RV-RB-Sam Caldwell
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 Bantams (29)
 SC-BV-BB-David Bell

SC-BV-BB-William Whitney
 SC-RV-RB- John Pierce
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 Bantams (37)
 SC-BV-BB-John Pierce
 SC-RV-RB-Steve Thibault
 RC-BV-Non Member
 RC-RV-Non Member
 Junior Show (none)

 Illini Poultry Show
 State
 9/15-16/01
 Large Fowl (29)
 SC-BV-BB-Adrian Rademacher
 SC-RV-RB-Whispering Meadows
 RC-BV-Whispering Meadows
 RC-RV-Ray and Holly Hutchison
 Bantams (12)
 SC-BV-BB-Whispering Meadows
 SC-RV-RB-non member
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none
 BB LF was Res. American, BB Ban-
 tam was Res. SCCL
 Junior Show
 Large Fowl (2)
 SC-BV-BB-non member

SC-RV-RB-non member
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none

Bantams (2)

SC-BV-BB-non member
 SC-RV-RB-non Member

Northern New York Poultry Fanciers Assn
 Special
 10/14/01

Large Fowl (5)

SC-BV-BB-William Whitney
 SC-RV-RB- John Pierce
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none

Bantams (8)

SC-BV-BB-John Pierce
 SC-RV-RB-John Pierce
 RC-BV-none
 RC-RV-none

BB Bantam was Best SCCL and Reserve Champion APA Bantam Junior Show (none)

Well show season is in full swing. I hope that everyone is getting those reds in tip

Rose Comb Reds and Ramblings by Danny Feathers

top shape so they can be champions. We have not been able to go to very many shows with our new job. The only show we have been to was Gainesville TX, the reds where there in good numbers and quality.

We do plan to be at the national in Nebraska. We hope that we get to meet a lot of the red breeders from up north. This should be at great show for the reds.

We plan on bringing a few rose comb reds and let others see them and try to get others involved in bringing them back. We are happy with the progress we made this year in the RC reds. The females can still use some more work on the amount of fluff they have on their body feathers. We knew that this would not be a fast project. But it wouldn't be fun if it was. Well hope to see you all in red alley. yours for a better red bantam. Danny Feathers

I pray and hope everyone is well in the wake of the tragedies of Sept 11th in

Secretary Ramblings

America. I would like to take this time to thank all our foreign members for their prayer and thoughts during this nightmare. As the song goes, "We shall overcome" and I am trying every day to move on but never forget.

I have been to a couple fall shows and the red turnout has been good. Our junior members did real well in Southern Ohio, winning Champion Bantam and Champion Large Fowl on SC RI Reds. My hat is off to the two Isaac's, Mr. Isaac Collins and Mr. Isaac Miller for your fine wins and their Champions grace the cover this month..

Thanks to our English friends and members for sending me their renewal and a copy of their Yearbook and Show Catalog. It is very interesting to see how our Reds are exhibited in England.

Also thanks to all the members who emailed, called or wrote supporting me instead of the proposed bylaw changes in the last Chronicle. We will vote in Nebraska and hopefully we can move on to better things.

Nebraska is shaping up to a great red show. Can't wait to get on the plane and fly out for a couple days of Red Relaxation. It's also great not to have any birds going! When I show, I bring anywhere from 25-40 birds and I keep real busy up until judging time. Now I can relax and watch everyone else prep their birds and sweat it out.

Check your mailing label as I have about 65 members who's dues expired on Oct. 1, 2001. If you want to participate in the November meeting in Nebraska, get current so your vote counts. An overdue notice will go out when I get home on the 5th of November and after Dec. 1st, you will lose your points and Chronicle.

I talked to Don Nelson the other night and he is coming to the Ohio National on No-

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vember 10-11 and he suggested we have a Red Seminar. I am working with the show Secretary to secure a meeting room so we can all chat Reds and maybe learn something. Enough for now, send in your dues, condition up those Reds for Nebraska and win many Championships this fall. Matt

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